(iv) A close coordination between Service provider and investigating agencies is maintained to book the offenders.

PBX Services in Bangalore

1732. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Karnataka Telecom Centre propose to launch PBX services in Bangalore;

(b) if so, which are the cities in the country offering such services;

(c) the number of organisations which have come forward to utilise the above services in Bangalore; and

(d) by when the above services would be launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) Sir, PBX Services are already available throughout the country, including Bangalore in Karnataka circle. This service is made available on BSNL and MTNL Networks to all the organisations, offices, individulas whoever apply for the same.

(d) Does not arise

Losses to MTNL Due to Faulty Mechanical Device

1733. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Coin pay phones cannot be successful", appearing in the Statesman dated the 1st June, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are losing substantial revenue due to the faulty mechanical device of the telephone instruments as it is very simple to get back the coin by tieing at string to the coin; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken to modify the instrument in such a way that once the coin is dropped it could not be pulled out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There have

been occasions involving misuse of Coin Type Public Call Officers (PCO) in MTNL by some mischievous elements.

(c) and (d) This was possible only in case of old version of Coin Collection Boxes (CCB). However, all such types have been replaced by modified version.

Opening of internet dhabas/cyber cafes

1734. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to open 6,000 internet dhabas/cyber cafes in different parts of country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the project regarding time frame, locations, finance and other things?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has proposed to setup approximately 6,260 Internet dhabas/cyber cafes in all the Block Headquarters in the country by 2nd October, 2001 provided franchisees are available for setting up these dhabas. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL), Delhi has proposed to setup 27 such dhabas. In MTNL, Mumbai two such dhabas are already operating. The details regarding finance and other guidelines are given in the statement.

Statement

Details regarding finance and other guidelines for opening up of Internet Dhabas/Cyber Cafes by BSNL and MTNL

(A) *Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited*

(a) Internet dhaba franchisees selection criteria will be open for all unemployed persons.

(b) Free Internet access will be permitted for the Internet dhabas in the rural block Headquarters as defined by the respective State Government. Free Internet access for 1500 hours per annum will be permitted in Urban Block. Headquarters as defined by the respective State Government.

(c) The Internet dhabas franchisees in both rural and urban block HQs. will be paid Commission @ 25% of the PSTN access charges which works out to Rs. 6/-per hour.